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FOR ARA - ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH, L - MR. FELDMAN AND
S/PC - MR. EINAUDI

1. GENERAL COMMITTEE ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION ON
TRANS-NATIONAL ENTERPRISES ESSENTIALLY AS RECEIVED FROM
WORKING GROUP. FULL TEXT READS AS FOLLOWS:

"WHEREAS:

AT ITS FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS EXAMINED
THE TOPIC "ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF TRANS-
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NATIONAL ENTERPRISES, OF THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPING

COUNTRIES OF AMERICA, AND OF THE INFLUENCE SUCH ENTERPRISES MAY HAVE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS;"

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF AMERICA, MEETING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON APRIL 17 AND 18, 1974, DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO PREPARE A DOCUMENT SETTING FORTH "PRINCIPLES TO BE APPLICABLE TO TRANS-NATIONAL ENTERPRISES"; AND

THERE IS GENERAL CONCERN ON THE MATTER, AND IT IS ADVISABLE AND NECESSARY FOR THE ORGANIZATION TO COMPILE AND MAKE STUDIES OF THE TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES OPERATING IN THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. TO REQUEST THE PERMANENT COUNCIL TO OBTAIN FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT AN ORDERLY COMPILATION OF THE STUDIES THAT THE OAS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS ARE MAKING ON THE NATURE AND LEGAL STRUCTURE OF TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES -- PRINCIPALLY THOSE OPERATING IN LATIN AMERICA -- THEIR ECONOMIC AND OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS, AND THE IMPACT OF THEIR ACTIVITIES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THE REGION.

2. TO REQUEST THE PERMANENT COUNCIL, ALSO, ACCORDING TO THE CRITERIA THAT IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE, TO ASK THE COMPETENT ORGANS OF THE OAS TO MAKE THE STUDIES THAT THE COUNCIL DEEMS NECESSARY ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. TO INSTRUCT THE PERMANENT COUNCIL TO COORDINATE THE WORK, RECEIVE THE DOCUMENTS AND STUDIES, AND BRING THEM TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE STATES REPRESENTED AT THE RECENT MEETINGS OF FOREIGN MINISTERS HELD IN TLATELOLCO AND WASHINGTON, D.C., WITH THE OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS THAT THEY DEEM PERTINENT, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IN ANY CASE BEFORE OCTOBER 31, 1974."

2. IN DISCUSSING THE SECOND WHEREAS CLAUSE OF THE ABOVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESOLUTION WE DISCOVERED THAT THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ENGLISH AND SPANISH TEXTS OF PARAGRAPH 11 OF THE WASHINGTON COMMUNIQUE. ENGLISH VERSION SPEAKS OF "PRINCIPLES TO BE APPLICABLE TO TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES." HOWEVER SPANISH VERSION, LITERALLY TRANSLATED, REFERS TO A DOCUMENT WHICH WILL CONTAIN "THE PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT WHICH TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES MUST (DEBEN) OBSERVE." MAILLIARD

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